NOVEMBER EDITION 2021

LAKESHORE LIGHT

DECA State Leadership Conference -- Thank you to the Lakeshore Excellence Foundation for helping to provide this amazing learning experience! Students showing DECA pride with the DECA diamond hand signal -- Go DECA!

Join us in engaging the minds, spirits and talents of our students and teachers.

SEE LEF NEWSLETTER INSIDE THIS NEWSLETTER.

We are grateful for the financial support of the **LAKESHORE EXCELLENCE FOUNDATION** and for the efforts of the LEF all-volunteer board.

Grounded in Tradition – Committed to Excellence

Message from the Superintendent

Superintendent
Greg Eding

I would like to begin by saying thank you to our teaching staff. This was supposed to be an "easier," "normal" year, but it has definitely not started out that way. Thank you for coming in early, staying late, coming in on weekends, grading papers at night, cutting out lamination, and doing all the work nobody sees. Thank you for helping your colleagues by covering the 117 unfilled teacher absences this year (as of November 1st), due to a lack of substitute teachers. And of course, thank you for focusing on the needs of each and every student.

Thanksgiving is a reminder to each of us. No matter the circumstances, whether it's joy, happiness, frustration, or sadness; you can always find a way to be thankful. As I reflect on the past year, I am reminded that the most challenging moments provided the most rewarding experiences. In the heartache of losing my father in January of 2021, I found peace, comfort, and thankfulness in the beautiful stories and memories about my dad that were shared by others. As we enter this holiday season, I urge each family to find their own Thanksgiving and lead with a grateful heart.

Maya Angelou said it perfectly:
"The ship of my life may or may not be sailing on calm and amiable seas. The challenging days of my existence may or may not be bright and promising. Stormy or sunny days, glorious or lonely nights, I maintain an attitude of gratitude. If I insist on being pessimistic, there is always tomorrow. Today I am blessed."

The holiday season is not always a Hallmark movie. The holiday's bring stress for many families, in many forms. Finances get stretched thin, family relationship dynamics can create stress, and the change of seasons with longer nights and limited sunshine can affect all of us. My challenge to you is to work on providing opportunities for your family to look past the stress and find ways to show gratitude. Volunteering as a family, writing a thank you note, donating to a cause, or supporting a family in need are just a few examples of how gratitude and thankfulness can be shown.

And finally, thank you for sharing your student with us at Lakeshore schools. It is our pleasure to work with you to support your student towards being a successful, contributing member of society.

Sincerely,
Greg Eding, Superintendent
Lakeshore Public Schools

The mission of Lakeshore Public Schools, in partnership with families and the community, is to guide students toward achieving educational excellence by engaging, inspiring and empowering them to think, learn and pursue their individual passions with knowledge, confidence, and integrity – the foundation of their future.

2021-2022 Board of Education Regular Meetings

Regular Board meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at 5:30 P.M. in the Lakeshore High School LEF Learning Center.

December 13, 2021
January 10, 2022
February 14, 2022
March 14, 2022
April 11, 2022
May 9, 2022
June 13, 2022

Systems of Support

Lakeshore teachers and administrators were excited to take part in important professional development for two days this October.

Teachers and administrators working together to make a difference during professional development days.

"Systems of Support" is the beginning of a district-wide initiative, where we will examine our services and programs around student needs. Our hope is to review our work in Professional Learning Communities, improve our assessment practices, and build better systems in intervention. We look forward to understanding more about our students' strengths and needs, so that we can intervene in more specific ways. This is a commitment and a belief we hold to make the system better. We will be working together over the next couple of years to make this happen. EXCITING!

Are you a retired teacher?

Lakeshore Public Schools is reaching out to fill our needs for substitute teachers with retired teachers.

This will help to ensure that every student is able to keep learning in-person every day with quality teachers in classrooms. Our retiree pay is $160 per day or $80 per half day. You still get to pick the days you want to work, as well as the locations or grade levels you are most interested in.

An old law from 1980 prevented school retirees from going back and working as a substitute for at least a year but that has all changed. Retirees willing to help fill these roles may contact the district directly by calling 269-428-1400.

Holiday Card Drive for Service Heroes

Stewart Elementary is just days away from kicking off our first ***Holiday Card Drive for Service Heroes!*** With Halloween behind us, families and friends turn their sights to gatherings and festive celebrations! The holiday season is notorious for an abundance of food, laughter, and joy.

Mason Belin is a Sailor. Mason is a 2019 LHS grad who spent his entire life in Lakeshore schools (he went to Hollywood Elementary). He is stationed in Guam, he is a submariner assigned to the USS Key West. Currently deployed.

However, there are men and women around the world who have volunteered to protect and serve. Their mission readiness does not pause during the holiday season. U.S service members patrol the seas, protect our borders, and give humanitarian aid every day- all at a moment's notice. Our active duty military stand watch and stand guard, sacrificing many holiday celebrations, time with family and friends. They put their civilian lives on hold to protect our freedom, liberty, and American values.

Aida Pumfrey, a fourth grade student at Stewart, shows a few holiday cards that will be sent to our service heroes!

During the month of November, Stewart Elementary students will be participating in a ***Holiday Card drive for Service Heroes***. Every student will be given the opportunity to write a holiday greeting to share with our military service members. We are looking forward to thanking this group of men and women who serve around the world and miss out on some of the holiday cheer. We will be recognizing them for their "*Perseverance, Respect, Integrity, Dedication, and Empathy,*" our Stewart Family school-wide expectations. We will thank them for their bravery, courage, and sacrifice.

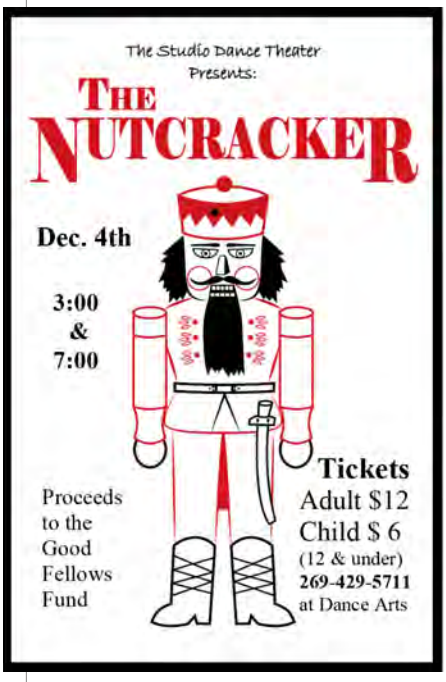
Our goal is to reach 500 active duty and veterans service members.

We already have cards earmarked to reach Sailors in based in Guam, Airforce stationed in Kuwait, and Marines in Japan! We will also be dispatching cards to veterans here in Southwest Michigan. If your son or daughter is a Lakeshore High School graduate and active duty, we would be honored to send them holiday greetings from home! Please contact our PTO organization at stewartpto1@gmail.com.

Your Input is Needed

On the Lakeshore website front page (lpslancers.net) is a link to a survey to help us get feedback from all resident stakeholders. This survey will help us establish spending priorities for grant funds we may receive.

We will use this information in helping us make decisions for the district. Your input is greatly valued. We would appreciate you taking the time to complete the survey and providing feedback.



District Calendar

November 24-26, 2021
Thanksgiving Break - no school

December 9 & 10, 7 PM, LHS
BCD Winter Dance Concert

December 20 - 31, 2021
No School - Winter Break

January 12, 2022, 3-5 PM
Auditions - Advanced Dance

January 13, 2022, 3-4:30 PM
Auditions -Intermediate Dance

January 17,2022, No School
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

January 20, 2022
Half Day All Students

January 21, 2022
Half Day All Students - End of Semester

January 22, 2022, LHS
BCD Dance Marathon Fundraiser

February 3, 2022
Half Day All Students - Elementary Parent Conferences

February 4, 2022
Elementary Only - Half Day

February 9, 2022
Student Spring Count Day (striving for 100% attendance)

February 21, 2022
No School - Presidents' Day

February 28, 2022
8th Grade Orientation for HS

March 13, 2022
Daylight Saving Time Begins- Spring Forward

Getting Excited for 5th Grade Band!

After being unable to hold band for our 5th graders last year, we were so excited to kick off some excitement with a visit to the stadium to see our marching band! All district 5th graders went to the stadium to see part of our **State Champion Lancer Marching Band's 2021 Marching Show**, listen to some "stand tune favorites" and had an opportunity to ask Mr. Pagel questions about band. They were an incredible audience.

Christy Whitelaw from Hollywood Elementary was awarded $310 from the **Berrien Community Foundation** by Lisa Cripps-Downey to purchase take home reading bags. A big thank you to our partners in the community!

Elementary Phonics Mascots take school pictures! Part of our phonics curriculum introduces these amazing mascots, which help our young learners learn all kinds of skills. It was only fitting that a couple of our mascots have their school picture taken on picture day at Roosevelt!

Elementary Fall Celebrations - Fun for Fall!

Stewart Elementary

The Stewart Family had an amazing **Harvest Hoopla** event-- our biggest crowd ever! We had so much fun petting animals, playing games, eating delicious food and bidding on raffle baskets! We also hosted our first annual scarecrow decorating contest! Each classroom designed their own scarecrow!

Hollywood Elementary

A color fun run was at the heart of the **Harvest Festival** at Hollywood Elementary. Families enjoyed face painting, a cake walk, food trucks, balloon animals, pumpkin painting, a photo booth and other refreshments.

Roosevelt Elementary

Roosevelt Elementary PTO was thrilled to host an opportunity for families to come together on the playground! Hot chocolate, cider, popcorn, games and a pumpkin decorating contest kept our students and their families busy! We are looking forward to a new tradition of bringing a decorated pumpkin for the pumpkin walk each year.

Elementary Daily Schedule

Students may enter the building at 8:10 A.M.

Doors open 8:10 A.M.
School starts 8:25 A.M.
Shuttle dismissal 3:30 P.M.
Walkers/Car dismissal 3:30 P.M.
Bus dismissal 3:45 P.M.

Late Start Wednesday

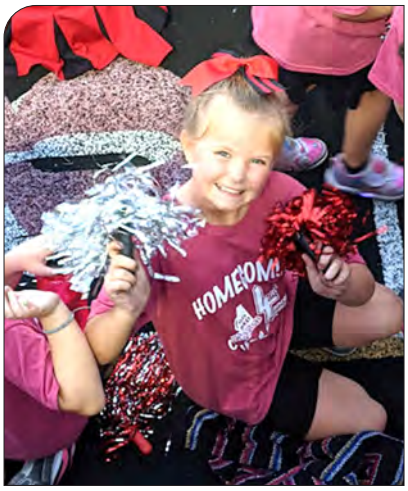
Begins September 8, 2021
Doors open 8:55 A.M.
School starts 9:10 A.M.
Shuttle dismissal 3:30 P.M.
Walkers/Car dismissal 3:30 P.M.
Bus dismissal 3:45 PM

Half Day Schedule

Dismissal cars/shuttles 11:45 A.M.
Dismissal for buses 11:45 A.M.

Lakeshore Homecoming Cheer Clinic

Lakeshore Elementary students were able to take part in the annual Cheer Clinic offered to our Little Lancers. They added some excitement to the sidelines during the Homecoming game!



Backpack Donation from Lincoln Township Police Department

Thank you to Lincoln Township and First Responders Children's Responders for the generous donation of backpacks to our elementary schools!

Lincoln Township Officer Wolff and Principal Natalie Macerata showing off some great backpacks.

Roosevelt Elementary Principal Rachel Kyncl with Officer Curtis Wolff. A huge thanks to Lincoln Township Police Department for their donation of recess equipment and wet wipes for our students!

Stewart Elementary backpack drop off with Officer Wolff

Readers are Leaders

Building strong reading skills provides a great foundation for your student to excel in school and in life. Reading exercises your brain, improves concentration, improves vocabulary and language skills, and develops a child's imagination while teaching them about different topics. Make it a goal to read to your child for 20 minutes every day!

REACH HIGHER

LAKESHORE EXCELLENCE FOUNDATION

WINTER 2021

Thank you 1st Source Bank for the generous donation to the Lakeshore Excellence Foundation. Service in the community is one of 1st Source Bank's principal values, helping to build good places to live, work and raise families. We are grateful for the generosity.

EMPOWERING STUDENTS

"Relationships are the key to a rich life," says Lakeshore Middle School Principal, Susan Toothman.

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Thank you for your continued support!

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Welcome New Board Members

Leslie Arbanas

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Leslie is a proud graduate of Lakeshore High School and grew up here in Stevensville. She attended Lake Michigan College where she obtained an Associate Degree of Applied Science specializing in Radiologic Technology. After working in Grand Rapids at Spectrum Health and then going back to college to specialize in Ultrasound, Leslie has been working as a Registered Diagnostic Medical Sonographer for over 20 years. After having worked as a traveling technologist for some years and had the chance to see different parts of the country, she knew without a doubt where she wanted to settle down and start her family, right here in southwest Michigan.

Leslie had the opportunity to serve as secretary with the Hollywood PTO during her daughters' elementary years giving her an even greater appreciation for the education system and realize how grateful she is of the dedicated staff and support system within the Lakeshore community. The LEF has helped fund multiple learning opportunities, one of which Leslie's daughters was lucky enough to be a part of, "The Leader in Me" program at Hollywood Elementary. This program teaches leadership skills as well as instilling good habits at early ages. Leslie believes in the work of this foundation and its commitment to education; she is honored to be invited onto the LEF board and hopes to make an impact towards providing the best possible education for all lakeshore students.

Leslie and her husband Joel, an AEP electrician and Baroda volunteer firefighter, along with their two daughters, Chloe and Josie (both Lakeshore High students), enjoy living a bit of the country life on their five acres in Baroda. You can usually find Leslie on the sidelines of her daughter's tennis or volleyball matches or appreciating the beautiful area she lives in, whether it be gardening, hiking, biking, or skiing in the winter.

Lewis C. Scott

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Lewis C. Scott is the vice-president, senior community development officer with Horizon Bank located in Michigan City, IN.

Prior to joining Horizon Bank, Lewis worked at Allstate Insurance Company for five years and worked at American Express Corporation for four and half years leading a team of B2B sales professionals in the very competitive payment solution industry.

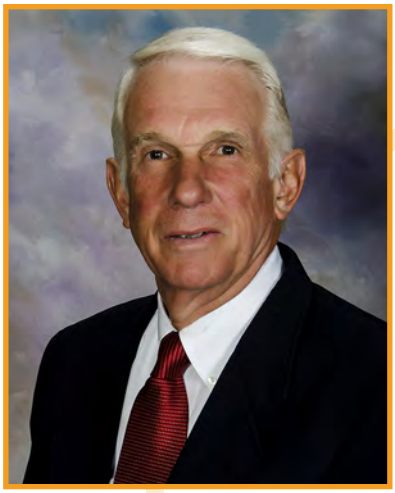
Lewis spent 20 years with the FCA Corporation. While at Chrysler, he held various sales leadership positions in an assortment of different locations all over the country.

Lewis earned a master's degree in Business Administration from Central Michigan University and earned an undergraduate degree from Eastern Michigan University in Business Communication and Marketing. In addition to his studies, Lewis played basketball for Eastern Michigan University throughout his four years as an undergraduate.

Lewis resides in St. Joseph, Michigan. He was born and raised in Detroit, Michigan where he still refers to as home, despite relocating several times throughout his corporate career. Lewis is the father of three children, two girls, and one boy. His oldest daughter, Lauren Scott, attended Michigan State University, his middle child, Lindsay Scott, attended Wayne State University in Detroit, MI. The youngest child, Nathan Scott, is a graduate student athlete attending Eastern Michigan University.

Chairman Anderson Expresses Gratitude

To All Who Make the Lakeshore Excellence Foundation "Work" ...



J.C. Anderson, Chairman

With the end of the year and my favorite holidays approaching, I thought that it would be appropriate to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to a number of areas that have enabled the Lakeshore Excellence Foundation (LEF) to become an efficient and effective financial supporter for the Lakeshore Public Schools. The various areas are noted below in no particular order since it takes each of these, working together, to enable the effectiveness of the LEF:

1 Individual Contributors

During the past several years, we have grown our Lancer Leaders (annual contribution of $1,000+) from none in 2013 to approximately 80 individuals and businesses. It is hard to express in words how grateful I personally am that this face-to-face discussion regarding a contribution to support the school has been successful. In the beginning, we had some doubts that people would listen to a pitch for this kind of support dollars. I have found this community to be a very giving community when it comes to the education of our children. Thank you!

2 Business Donations

Our local businesses have come to anticipate and openly support two of our annual fundraisers with very generous donations from their business. Items such as a gift basket from Kilwins, a gift card from the Bread+Bar, or a round of golf at Harbor Shores have been used as items up for bid during our annual Online Auction in February or as a raffle ticket item at the Lakeshore Golf Scramble in June. Generous gifts like these have enabled the Online Auction to raise approximately $23,000 and the Golf Scramble approximately $30,000 in net fundraising for the school. Thank you to the generous businesses who support LEF!

3 Community Contributors

Our Lakeshore community has graciously supported our LEF efforts in a number of ways. Whether you are an individual financial contributor, a business owner, or you take part in the Online Auction, participate in the Lakeshore Golf Scramble, our community has been incredibly supportive. Last year we even added our cash raffle where three cash prizes were awarded with only 250 tickets sold to enable us to net approximately $20,000. With gratitude, I hold up the entire Lakeshore community for their participation which is a critical cog in what makes the LEF an effective fundraising organization for the Lakeshore Public Schools. Again, thank you!

4 LEF Board

I feel that our all volunteer board of 23 individuals is the best LEF board that we have ever assembled! Each member has a special reason why they chose to be on the board and bring a real energy to each meeting. The board makes the face-to-face contribution requests, solicits the businesses for the product donations to use in the Auction and Golf Scramble, organizes the Online Auction and the Golf Scramble, sells 250 tickets for the Cash Raffle, and effectively reviews and selects the grants for the use of $250,000 in grant money that we provide. All of this is done on a volunteer basis and deserves a high five from me for making all of this effectively come together. Thank you!

5 Foundations

We are fortunate to live in a community where there are foundations that have been established to support the community and public education of our children. By far, our annual contribution from the Whirlpool Foundation is our largest single contribution. This year the annual golf outing and related fundraising done by Whirlpool for the benefit of this community raised over $2 million, which has been allocated to the Boys & Girls Club, the First Tee, and the three local school foundations of Lakeshore, St. Joseph, and Benton Harbor. We received a check for $250,000 this year, which is the largest ever. Each year, I humbly and graciously accept this check on behalf of the LEF. Being a 39-year Whirlpool employee who retired from the company, it makes me very proud that I worked for an organization that cares and contributes this

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Story of Inclusion

LIV KYNCL, LAKESHORE VARSITY FOOTBALL

Liv Kyncl

When the football coach, from a school that places it's football team in high esteem, approaches you to try out, what do you do? Your first reaction might be to say "of course you'll join." But, the answer is not always that easy... when you are a girl.

Freshman Liv Kyncl had to go through this very scenario when Lakeshore's Freshman Football Coach, Danny Davison, approached her. He was looking for a kicker and knew that Liv was the goalkeeper on her travel soccer team. Coach Davison asked Liv if she'd be willing to come kick for him so they could see how she'd do. Before you know it, her first attempt went squarely through the uprights! Talk about excitement!

Coach Davison saw Liv go five for five that afternoon and knew he had found the player he was looking for, if she'd decide to join the team.

When you are breaking barriers and doing something that has never been done before, it's not always an easy decision to make. Not only do you have to think about the concerns in your own head, but in this case, Liv also had to consider the impact it could have on her twin brother who was also on the team. She was worried about what he was thinking and how he was going to treat her. In the beginning, it was really rough. Her brother wasn't thrilled to have his sister join the team. There were comments from outsiders that didn't help either.

Liv's Mom and Dad also had their own concerns. Their daughter was considering joining the football team. Rachel Kyncl, Liv's Mom, was definitely worried. What if Liv got hurt? Maybe she'd be less likely to be injured if Liv only kicked PAT's (points after touchdowns)? There were a lot of questions and concerns to be fielded.

Ultimately, Liv decided that she'd give it a try because the team needed a kicker. And heck, she was good at it too, so why not? In addition to PAT's, Liv also ended up kicking field goals.

Even though her brother wasn't too happy about the idea initially, when Liv went two for two on her PAT's in the game against Portage, she definitely proved herself. Liv's Mom mentioned that the two siblings talked about the game the whole ride home.

Liv has learned a lot about herself through this experience. Sometimes you may need to give people time to change their minds or opinions about you or the situation. On top of that, Liv also learned that sometimes it is fun to put yourself out there and to step out of your comfort zone. If you do, you may find something that is enjoyable. After Liv was hit three times in a game

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Empowering Students to Build Positive Relationships

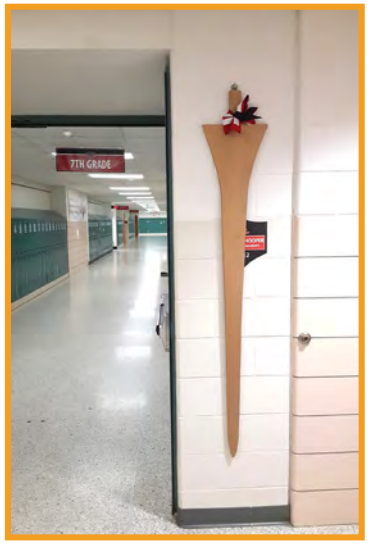
Bravery, Humility, Enthusiasm, Open-Mindedness - these are just a few of the 24 character strengths Lakeshore Middle School students are learning about as part of the Positivity Project, or P2.

According to the founders of the **Positivity Project**, the premise is simple: Together, we can create citizens and leaders who will enhance our communities and country by focusing on character strengths and positive relationships.

At the start of the school year, LMS students took a survey to determine their top character strengths. Then, the P2 curriculum got underway. For 30-minutes, every week, students explore a different character strength through in-class activities, videos, and discussions.

The model of P2 is to make children aware that every one of them has all 24 character strengths, in hopes of providing the foundation for genuine self-confidence grounded in self-awareness. At the same time, it helps children better understand why everyone is different and how to appreciate those differences.

Middle School Motto



The Golden Lance is placed at the entry of the winning grade level's hallway for the week.

Teachers nominate students who best exemplify the LMS motto.

"Relationships are the key to a rich life," says Lakeshore Middle School Principal, Susan Toothman. "The Positivity Project not only empowers our students to define who they are as an individual, but it encourages them to see the world from another person's perspective."

Through the Positivity Project, students learn to:

- Recognize their own feelings, interests, strengths, and limitations (self-awareness)
- How to regulate emotions and manage daily stressors (self-management)
- Perspective-taking, empathy, and an appreciation of similarities and differences (social awareness)
- Exhibit prosocial behavior and demonstrate positive social skills in order to develop meaningful relationships (relationship skills)
- Make ethical decisions, and strengthen the ability to develop appropriate solutions to identified problems (responsible decision making)

The P2 program is made possible at Lakeshore Middle School thanks to a multi-year Staff Support Grant funded by the Lakeshore Excellence Foundation.

Former LMS Principal Jonathan Swegles initially applied for the funding, and current LMS Principal, Susan Toothman, resubmitted the request to continue the P2 subscription for another year. Toothman says the program's impact can be seen everywhere you look.

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It's Better with LEF!

THE LHS WEIGHT TRAINING & CONDITION ROOM IS IMPROVING

PE teacher, Mike Gathright, has a desire to expand Lakeshore's "weight room" into more of a fitness environment.

Gathright shared that "Adding cardio machines as we have through the LEF over the last five years has greatly enhanced our ability to serve more students. This year's additions of adaptive machines expands the opportunity to students who are looking for a unique cardio workout, rehabbing an injury or have a physical limitation that might keep them from using a standard cardio machine."

Gathright received a grant from the LEF to purchase two cardio machines; Precor AMT and an Octance Lateral Elliptical. Both are "adaptive" machines meaning that they can accommodate students of varying fitness levels as well as those with physical diverse-abilities.

Any student who has access to the Weight Training & Conditioning Room with a PE class or a coach after school has access to these machines.

BRING YOUR IDEA TO LIFE
WITH A LEF GRANT
With four Grant Categories to choose from, the next great idea for our schools can come from anyone: students, teachers, staff, or community members.
Professional Development
Patti Florian Student Enrichment
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Staff Support
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STARTING DECEMBER 1

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Excellent schools are the foundation of excellent communities. When you invest in Lakeshore schools through the LEF, you are investing in the quality of life in our community both today and tomorrow.

When Split Seconds Count

Lakeshore Middle School student Kieran S. claims first place in a tight race!

Chad Milletics, Lakeshore High School Teacher

Lakeshore Track and Field and Cross Country teams now have a new tool at their disposal when a race is too close to call.

Lakeshore High School Science teacher, Chad Milletics, was recently awarded an LEF Foundation Project Grant to purchase a new timing system for use at home events, and other track and field and cross country competitions across the area. Milletics put the new system to the test, for the first time, at Lakeshore Middle School's Cross Country meet versus Upton Middle School, this past September.

At 2,000 frames per second, the camera is extremely accurate - capturing times down to .0005 of a second. And while that precision is essential, especially during track and field meets, Milletics says there is another important benefit for the school district to have access to the system.

"It's just a huge cost savings," says Milletics. "Lakeshore doesn't have to hire companies to come in. I can run the system. If it was a big invitational, Michiana Timing would charge $1500, but now all Lakeshore has to pay for is my time to run it, since the school owns the equipment."

Milletics says he's always loved running, competing in high school, and then as the cross country and track and field coach for Lakeshore. Milletics says he was so excited to see his grant idea become reality.

"I was just so happy when I received my approval letter from LEF," said Milletics. "It's just a good benefit all around for Lakeshore, the students, and my family as well."

When split seconds count, Milletics will be tracking accurate photo-finish results, thanks to the support of donors and the Lakeshore Excellence Foundation.

"It's a great organization that does so many things giving back to the community," says Milletics. "I don't think the community always sees all of that. As a teacher I have always been part of the two cent program* so it's nice to get some of that back here."

You can submit your ideas for an LEF Foundation Project Grant starting December 1. Grant applications can be found at www.lefonline.org

*The 2¢ Campaign gives Lakeshore schools' staff an easy way to contribute to LEF. The LEF requests just 2¢ per hour from every staff member. This commitment has enabled LEF to raise over $10,000 annually – and we have the opportunity to raise even more with 100% participation in this campaign.

LEF Supports Career and Technical Education

As more industries are feeling the discomfort of open jobs, paired with the rising costs of a college education, Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs have made a resurgence in schools across America. Yet, many people are unclear what "career and technical education" is and what type of students are in these programs.

CTE programs teach specific career skills to students in high school. Applied Educational Systems says that CTE programs are often split into 16 career clusters that apply to different, high-demand careers including: Health Science, Business, Sales, Finance, Information Technology, STEM - Science, Technology, Engineering and Math, Manufacturing, Logistics, Hospitality, Government, Law, Agriculture, Human Services, Construction, Training and Arts, Audio/Visual Technology and Communications. Many of these areas are in high demand and can lead to high-paying careers.

CTE is unique in that its coursework is focused on learning skills versus a university-based education which is based on theory. CTE may include some theory, but it weighs heavily on experience, practice and application. The hands-on application of knowledge gained within the CTE path is critical because many of the careers in the field require workers to have experience in their field before starting a career. In many cases, students earn certification while they are in high school. When they graduate, these young adults are prepared for their careers or enter into a formal apprenticeship program.

There is a myth that the CTE path is only a good option for students who don't excel in academics, but that couldn't be farther from the truth. Careers in technical fields are a great option for students who thrive with interactive, hands-on learning. Take senior Brock Wolf, for example. Brock has been a highly capable student but he wasn't sure he wanted to spend the time or money on a college education that would put him in a job behind a desk. Brock tried the Welding program during his junior year and loved it, so he's enrolled in Welding again for his senior year. Brock said "I really liked getting to learn how to function in a shop environment. It's also really great how local businesses develop a positive relationship with the school and offer job opportunities to students." With help from his CTE teacher, Mr. Schmidt, Brock is currently working at Dura Mold, learning the skills required to be successful in their business.

Lakeshore Schools are fortunate to have educational paths that can support many different types of future opportunities for our students. From STEM and dance to automotive technology, welding to the arts, Lakeshore Excellence Foundation is proud to support these inclusive options for our students.

Economic Club of Southwestern Michigan Speaker Series

Did you know the LEF organizes for a limited number of students from Lakeshore along with students from five other school districts to attend the **Economic Club of Southwestern Michigan Speaker Series**?

Not only do they have a chance to hear the speaker at the Mendel center, but also have a private Q&A session with them.

This season's lineup is:

Oct. 6 - National Geographic Live: Brian Skerry, Underwater photographer

Dec. 7 – Alan Alda, TV icon, science communicator

Feb. 8 – Bill Nye – Science educator, television personality, and CEO of The Planetary Society

Mar. 15 – Mo Rocca, CBS News correspondent, podcaster, and TV personality

Apr. 19 – Henry Winkler - Emmy Award-winning actor, author, director, and producer

May 10 – Lara Logan, Award-winning broadcast journalist

LEF LAKESHORE EXCELLENCE FOUNDATION

Congratulations to the grant recipients of this past year.

Every year, the LEF allocates approximately $200,000 for grants that make a positive impact on Lakeshore Public Schools.

You can find out all the details and how to apply by visiting our website at https://lefonline.org/grants

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

APPLY
DECEMBER 1 – FEBRUARY 12

The Professional Development Grant is for staff who seek to bring continual energy, talent and passion to their roles. Do you have a great opportunity to develop and strengthen your professional talents and skills by attending a conference, seminar, workshop, college course or other experience?

PATTI FLORIAN

STUDENT ENRICHMENT

APPLY
DECEMBER 1 – MARCH 12

If you are a Lakeshore student in any grade, kindergarten through high school, this grant may be of interest to you! Patti Florian Student Enrichment Grants are awarded for activities or events that promote self-improvement through exploration, discovery, study and interaction.

FOUNDATION PROJECT

APPLY
DECEMBER 1 – FEBRUARY 12

The best ideas in education come from teachers. If your proposal costs over $2,500 you should consider applying for a Foundation Project Grant. Do you have a big idea that would benefit a large constituency of Lakeshore students, staff, and/or the community?

STAFF SUPPORT

APPLY
DECEMBER 1 – FEBRUARY 12

Do you have an idea for a quality educational experience that would benefit Lakeshore students, staff, and/or the community? If your proposal costs up to $2,500 and could be completed within the year following the grant award, you should consider applying for a Staff Support grant.

EMPOWERING STUDENTS

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"Every Wednesday, during our school-wide Family Meeting, we recognize one student as our Lancer leader of the week," says Toothman. "This student is selected by teachers based on how well they model our LMS school motto of 'Take Care of Yourself, Take Care of Each Other, Take Care of This Place,' which directly correlates to the Positivity Project's message. The student receives a certificate, gets to place a Lancer Leader of Week yard sign in their yard, and has his or her picture in the hallway for the week."

In addition, the grade level that best demonstrates the motto in practice for that week receives "The Golden Lance." Attendance, academics, and behavior are all looked at before that choice is made.

Finally, three Lancer Leader Ticket Winners are announced each week. Students receive tickets from teachers for demonstrating the school motto. The winning students' names are announced on Monday and they earn a Positivity Project bracelet.

Toothman says there is a lot of excitement surrounding the project, and the reward will be realized for years to come.

"It is an amazing resource for us at LMS," says Toothman. "We know we are successful when our students realize that other people matter."

Watch for weekly parenting prompts from the Positivity Project in your LMS student's weekly, electronic newsletter. For more details on P2, visit: posproject.org

STORY OF INCLUSION

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and had a cleat ground into her foot, you might question whether or not football is something you'd consider enjoyable, but Liv refers to it as "keeping it real." At the end of the season, Liv was asked by Varsity Coach Danny Thompson to dress for the last game of the regular season. Liv also dressed for the playoff game. Although she didn't get in, Liv was ready on the sidelines. She's not just a tough girl, she's a tough athlete.

Liv's advice to others: "Take new experiences and opportunities as they come."

Liv's parents are incredibly proud and want their daughter to realize that she is capable of doing anything she sets her mind to. Even though Liv didn't set out to break down barriers when she joined, she was the first girl to dress and play on the Lakeshore Varsity Football team.

"This definitely wasn't something she set out to do. Coach Davison would tell you that he's a really good recruiter! We hope this opens the door for other kids to do things that haven't been done before or aren't the norm," said Liv's mom, Rachel.

Liv proved that she belonged on the team. A sense of belonging is the heartbeat of inclusion.

Congratulations Liv!

CHAIRMAN ANDERSON

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money to the local community. A very special "thank you" to Whirlpool Corporation! We also receive awards from a couple of other foundations where we must write specific grant applications. This year we are receiving a significant $30,000 grant from the 1st Source Bank Foundation and we receive annual grant monies from the Upton Foundation of approximately $30,000. Thank you to each foundation!

As you can see, LEF would not be successful on our own. Ten years ago this support was approximately $50,000. This recent combination of efforts and generous contributors has enabled the LEF to support the Lakeshore Public Schools with major projects and grants totaling approximately $500,000 annually. Again, I am humbled and very grateful for the support that everyone has provided to LEF and the growth in support of the Lakeshore schools.

With sincere gratitude,
J.C. Anderson
LEF Board Chairman

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LAKESHORE Alumni

WAYS TO KEEP IN TOUCH

1. Join the Lakeshore High School Alumni Facebook Group:
   Search for "Lakeshore High School Alumni" and Join the Group
2. Register on the LEF website for email updates:
   lefonline.org/alumni/get-registered

If you graduated from Lakeshore High School, this is a great way to stay in touch!

LAKESHORE EXCELLENCE FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT FUND

The Endowment Fund is our long-term strategy to funding the LEF mission of learning for generations to come.

Annually, the LEF Board evaluates the health of the fund, makes contributions based on giving and project needs, and reinvests the earned interest. If you are interested in learning more about the Endowment Fund, please contact J.C. Anderson at (269) 921-2513 or email at anderjcna@gmail.com.

THE FACTS

The state funding for public schools in Michigan continues to be a challenge and Lakeshore is in the bottom 25% in funding. Yes, 75% of Michigan public school districts receive more state funding on a revenue per student basis!

SIX WAYS TO GIVE

1. Donate conveniently online
2. Swing those clubs
3. Become a Lakeshore Lancer Leader
4. Give us your two cents
5. Endowment Fund
6. Planned Giving

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Read our newsletter in the Lakeshore Light
Contact our Chairman, J.C. Anderson (anderjcna@gmail.com)

Spotlight on New Electives at Lakeshore Middle School

This is the first year we have offered *World Languages and Cultures* to our sixth graders and the course has been a gigantic hit!

World Cultures and Language Adventures explores the sights and sounds of several different cultures and languages from around the world. Students actively participate in this multilingual, multicultural class, by delving into the geography, languages and traditions of places on nearly every continent. Students have tasted food from different cultures and it sounds like the crepes (with Reddi-Whip, bananas, and Nutella) were the students' favorites! Students have even participated in a Google Meet with a guest speaker who is currently living in Italy. The students could see the speaker's house, the surrounding landscape, and were able to ask questions about life in Italy. Our students are growing their personal cultural awareness as they observe the similarities and differences within and between cultural groups.

This is also the first time we have offered ***Creative Concepts*** and our students' have thoroughly enjoyed it this semester! The students' interests help drive the curriculum development for this unique elective. One project had students taking part in a ***Shark Tank*** activity that required them to: 1) invent something to solve a problem, 2) come up with a marketing plan, 3) calculate production costs and profits, 4) think through distribution of a project, and 5) present something to the class. Another project has students engaging in ***Mindfulness and Relaxation*** with the assistance of guest speaker, Michele Grantham. Some of the relaxation techniques introduced to the students were: breathing techniques, guided meditation, and journaling. Students have also had the opportunity to have some furry, four-legged friends visit the classroom when the ***4H Dog Safety*** group came in to teach our students how to feed, care for and keep a dog healthy, groom and train a dog, and be a responsible dog owner.

In preparation for the dogs coming to school, our students even made dog biscuits!

High School Daily Schedule

Students may enter the building at 7:15 A.M.

Doors open 7:15 A.M.
School starts 7:35 A.M.
Dismissal 2:38 P.M.

Late Start Wednesday
Begins September 8, 2021
School starts 8:15 A.M.
Dismissal 2:38 PM

Half Day Schedule
Dismissal 10:53 A.M.

Who Can Join Berrien County Dancers?

Berrien County Dancers is Lakeshore High School's countywide dance program and is open to all high school students in Berrien County. Please contact Theresa Graziano for further details and information at tgraziano@lpslancer.net or (269)428-1402, ext 2099.

Key Club is back and better than ever!

After a year of limited event opportunities and virtual meetings, Key Club is back and better than ever! Key Club - the high school branch of Kiwanis - is a group of young philanthropists, committed to making a positive change in the community. We currently have 142 members, which makes Key Club the largest club within Lakeshore High School. In addition to the return of former volunteering opportunities, there are many new service projects to participate in this school year. Some of which include:

Blanket Brigade: Members make blankets for the patients at Hospice at Home.

Members work collaboratively to create blankets

The pile of finished blankets from a Blanket Brigade event.

Fall Festivals: Students volunteer at the Lakeshore elementary schools for their annual fall events.

Key Club members pose with Principal Kyncl at the Roosevelt Fall Festival.

A club member runs the bean bag station at the Stewart Harvest Hoopla

Rake a difference: Members will make a team to rake the lawns of community members. This new event is in partnership with the United Way.

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KEY CLUB continued ...

Water Bottle Drive: Key Club will be organizing a school-wide effort to aid those affected by the Benton Harbor water crisis.

The **Lakeshore High School Auditorium** recently underwent renovations. For a short time, Key Club meetings were held in the cafeteria. Now that the auditorium is complete, we will continue to meet in the improved location. At meetings, members are reminded of events and opportunities to volunteer around the community.

Key Club and Student Council partnered to host our 3rd annual Homecoming Dance. The dance was a great success! We raised $5500, which will be used to update the recycling system at the high school and fund a fun day for Berrien County foster children. The field house held 1970s related decorations to reflect the theme: Flower Power. A photo booth and some of the music also correlated with the vintage theme. It was an exciting night of singing and dancing to some excellent music.

We are excited to continue holding Key Club meetings and events throughout the school year. It is great to be back!

Students create banner decorations for the Homecoming Dance.

Dr. Driscoll, the Director at St. Joseph Kiwanis Foundation, speaks to students at a morning meeting in the cafeteria.

BCD Winter Concert

The Berrien County Dancers will hold their Winter Dance Concert on Thursday, December 9 and Friday, December 10 at 7:00 P.M. at Lakeshore High School. Tickets go on sale Monday, November 29. General admission tickets are $5 in advance or $7 at the door. Age 11 and under are free with parent admission! Virtual Viewing may be available, more information at a later date. Call the school at 428-1402, Ext. 2099 to order tickets.

The concert will feature works by Theresa Graziano (BCD Artistic Director), Adam Houston, and members of the Advanced Dance class.

Thanks to the generous support of Lakeshore Public Schools and the Lakeshore Excellence Foundation, Berrien County Dancers will host one guest artist during winter semester. Adam Houston, a company dancer with Giordano Dance Chicago, will be working with all BCD classes. He will also set choreography for the advanced dancers, who will perform his piece at the 2021 Winter Concert.

LAKESHORE LANCERS

About the DECA Leadership Conference

Excerpt from mideca.org

The State Leadership Conference provided students with the first opportunity of the year to network and collaborate with members from across the state. Engaging workshops and key note speakers made this a great event. Members also got time to network with representatives from some of the top colleges in Michigan.

Thursday's activities provided a unique opportunity for members to interact with business professionals.

Friday's activities took place at the Broad College of Business. The morning started with a second keynote session by a business executive, followed by two rounds of breakout sessions presented by the business community and representatives of MSU.

At the conference, students were able to:

- Learn about the latest marketing trends
- Learn effective leadership and teamwork skills to use as a chapter leader
- Understand and communicate the DECA brand as a chapter leader
- Understand the components of an effective chapter program of work
- Learn how to empower and engage with your chapter's DECA members

DECA State Leadership Conference

East Lansing - November 4 & 5

Due to Covid restrictions set by Michigan, DECA Lakeshore was only able to invite nine students to attend this leadership conference.

The conference consisted of several keynote speakers:
David McKean, Executive Vice President, Clarience Technologies
Tamara Steffens, Managing Director, Microsoft/M12
D'angelo Bragg, E-Commerce Specialist, Carhartt

Students attended several breakout sessions on various topics such as:

- Becoming Who Others Want to Follow
- Your Foundation to Customer Acquisition and Retention
- Understanding Personal Wealth and Finances
- The Power of Habit
- Next Level Critical Thinking
- Work like a Dream Team

DECA Advisor Tonya Jahnke, along with the following DECA members attended the conference:

Elizabeth Choe
Adam Collins
Kailey Higgins
Elina Hjelmaker
Austin Hoss
Vaughn Hurdle
Natalie McConomy
Connor Noonan
Jayden Schmaltz

Special thank you to the Lakeshore Excellence Foundation that helped in providing this amazing learning experience!!

Visit lakeshorelancerathletics.com to get up-to-date information on Lakeshore Lancer sporting events! Sports are a great way to entertain the whole family.

Lakeshore Public Schools conducts enrollment year-round.

You may enroll your student, if you live in our district, by completing the online enrollment documents, follow the instructions for submission. If you have any questions, please call us at 269.428.1400 or email registrar@lpslancer.net.

We LOVE to show families why it is great to be a Lakeshore Lancer!

If you are interested in learning more about our schools, please contact the building principal to schedule a personal "Lancer Pride" appointment. We will give you a tour of the building, provide you with any additional information you may need, and answer any questions.

Lakeshore Public Schools Central Administration Office is located at 5771 Cleveland Ave, Stevensville (behind the high school tennis courts).

Visit our website for more information: lpslancers.net

We encourage you to follow our athletic teams and keep up to date on Lancer Sports.

Whether it is scores, schedules, results or tryout information and dates/times, etc., the best method to stay up to date is to follow Lakeshore Athletics on Twitter (@LHSLancerSports), Facebook (Lakeshore Lancer Athletics) and check the LHS athletic website frequently at www.lakeshorelancerathletics.com. For specific questions regarding Lakeshore Athletics, please contact Director of Athletics, Greg Younger at gyounger@lpslancer.net.

LAKESHORE LANCERS

We are looking for energetic, positive individuals who care about students to be a part of the Lakeshore Custodial Team.

Full time work for 1st, 2nd or 3rd shifts is available. We are also hiring for Bus Drivers who can start and end our students' days with a smile. Will train. Please email Nick White at nwhite@lpslancer.net for more information.

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